IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI JACKSON DIVISION

JOHN ROBERT SMITH, ET AL.

PLAINTIFFS

VS.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:01cv855-HTW-EGJ-DCB

ERIC CLARK, Secretary of State of Mississippi; ET AL.

DEFENDANTS

Consolidated with

KELVIN BUCK, ET AL.

PLAINTIFFS

VS.

HALEY BARBOUR, in his official capacity as Governor of the State of Mississippi, ET AL.

DEFENDANTS

THE GOVERNOR'S AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S RESPONSE TO MOTION TO INTERVENE

The Governor and the Attorney General, sued here in their official capacities,* submit that this Court should deny the Motion to Intervene filed by the Mississippi Early Voting Initiative, Hester Jackson McCrary, and Kelly Jacobs [Dkt. 133] based upon the reasons set forth in the separately filed memorandum of authorities supporting this Response and the following exhibits affixed hereto: Motion to Intervene (Exhibit 1); Proposed Motion for Rehearing (Exhibit 2); Mississippi Supreme Court Order Denying Motion to Intervene (Exhibit 3).

Dated: November 22, 2021

 $^{^{\}ast}$ Governor Tate Reeves and Attorney General Lynn Fitch are automatically substituted for their predecessors-in-office as defendant parties. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(d).

Respectfully submitted,

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